

Russian war crimes—the number keeps climbing; executions, torture, rape, mass graves, innocent people—men women and children—dead in the streets or in their homes, some with their hands tied behind their backs, others bearing the telltale signs of torture.

President Zelenskyy, who has bravely made the trip to Washington this week and will speak to us in just a few moments, has called on leaders around the globe to ensure that the perpetrators of these atrocities can find no safe haven in their countries.

He is right. We must send a powerful message to Vladimir Putin and his henchmen and to the rest of the world that war criminals will have no place to hide, let alone in the United States of America.

But right now, at this moment, there is an egregious loophole in our laws that prevents Federal prosecutors from holding foreign war criminals found in this country accountable.

Senator GRASSLEY and I introduced the bipartisan Justice for Victims of War Crimes Act to close this impunity loophole and give our prosecutors the tools they need to ensure that war criminals have nowhere to hide, let alone the United States.

The Departments of Justice, State, and Defense support this change. Congress must act.

This morning I asked for unanimous consent, and this bill was passed with unanimous consent.

I wanted to put this statement in the RECORD because I think it is appropriate, as we gather in this Chamber to walk to the House Chamber for an address to the joint session of Congress by President Zelenskyy of Ukraine, that we keep in mind that we are standing in this together with the civilized nations of the world on the side of Ukraine and against the war criminals that Vladimir Putin is turning loose on the battlefield.

Let us stand together for the values that this country stands for and which the Ukrainian people are dying for every day.

This is a cause worth fighting. I am glad to be part of the effort—the bipartisan effort to support President Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people to bring freedom to their country.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I just met with President Zelenskyy, and he made it clear that without this aid package, the Ukrainians will be in real trouble and could even lose the war. So that makes the urgency of us getting this legislation done all the more important and getting it done quickly without flaw.

So for the information of all Senators, we are still working on an agreement to vote on amendments and pass the omnibus tonight. We aren't there yet. We are making progress. But if we do not reach agreement, because of the

urgency of getting this done, I will file cloture this evening for a Friday cloture vote. And we are going to have a rollcall vote on the Schaefer nomination following the joint meeting.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate reconvenes from recess this evening, it proceed to executive session for the consideration of Executive Calendar No. 780, Agnes Schaefer, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army; that there be up to 5 minutes for debate on the nomination, equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate vote on the confirmation as provided for under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:56 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 8:10 p.m. when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. KELLY).

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and consider the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Agnes Schaefer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

Mr. DURBIN. We yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

##### VOTE ON SCHAEFER NOMINATION

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Schaefer nomination?

Mr. DURBIN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: The Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY).

The result was announced—yeas 68, nays 26, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 405 Ex.]

#### YEAS—68

Baldwin	Hassan	Reed
Bennet	Heinrich	Romney
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Booker	Hirono	Rounds
Brown	Inhofe	Sanders
Cantwell	Kaine	Schatz
Capito	Kelly	Schumer
Cardin	King	Shaheen
Carper	Klobuchar	Sinema
Casey	Leahy	Smith
Cassidy	Lujan	Stabenow
Collins	Manchin	Tester
Coons	Markey	Thune
Cornyn	Menendez	Tillis
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Moran	Warner
Durbin	Murkowski	Warnock
Ernst	Murphy	Warren
Feinstein	Murray	Whitehouse
Fischer	Ossoff	Wicker
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden
Graham	Peters	Young
Grassley	Portman	

#### NAYS—26

Blackburn	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Boozman	Johnson	Rubio
Braun	Kennedy	Sasse
Cotton	Lankford	Scott (FL)
Crapo	Lee	Scott (SC)
Daines	Lummis	Sullivan
Hagerty	Marshall	Toomey
Hawley	McConnell	Tuberville
Hoeben	Paul	

#### NOT VOTING—6

Barrasso	Burr	Cruz
Blunt	Cramer	Shelby

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### TRIBUTE TO LARRY WINDLEY

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, during this break in the action this evening, I rise today to recognize not one but two members of my staff who are going to be leaving us this month.

Larry Windley is retiring from my staff as a true public servant for the people of my home State of Delaware and the people of our country.

Larry was born and raised in a place called Seaford, DE. Seaford, DE, was the home of the first nylon plant in the world, built by DuPont; 4,000 employees. It is a great town, a town that is actually going through a rebirth these days, and we are very proud of that.

Larry Windley was one of three sons. His father Bill Windley worked for DuPont and earned something like 25 patents during his tenure there for that